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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 02/03/05

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Method and System for Secure, Authorized E-Mail Based Transactions

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Examiner

Hoffman, Brandon S.

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In response to the Official Action mailed February 3, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the Claims in view of this reply.